GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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SIM CARDS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL facility is available in all the districts of Karnataka, particularly Bellary district;

(b) if so, the total number of SIM Cards provided in Bellary district;

(c) the norms prescribed for providing the BSNL SIM Cards;

(d) whether the Government is contemplating to provide more SIM Cards in Bellary districts; ;

(e) whether the Government proposes to enhance WLL facility in rural areas of Bellary district; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The number of working mobile connections provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Bellary district, as on 31.1.2005 is 21458.

(c) SIM Cards for new connections are issued on first come first serve basis by BSNL.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to provide one BTS at Hagari Bommona Halli in Bellary District for WLL facility, which is likely to be made operational by the end of March, 2005. In addition, Sandur and Siruguppa have also been planned for WLL facility during the current year 2005.